

# CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

## REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, April 10, 2012

*7:00 p.m.*

Present: Mayor William D. Euille, Vice Mayor Kerry J. Donley, Members of Council Frank H. Fannon, Alicia Hughes, K. Rob Krupicka, Redella S. Pepper and Paul C. Smedberg.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Young, City Manager; Mr. Banks, City Attorney; Mr. Johnson, Chief of Staff, City Manager's Office (CMO); Ms. Evans, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Jinks, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Lerner, Deputy Director, Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES); Mr. Trobridge, Director, Information Technology Services (ITS); Mr. Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Ms. Davis, Director, Office of Housing; Ms. McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing; Deputy Police Chief Corle; Mr. Skrabak, Deputy Director, T&ES; Mr. Braden, Budget Analyst, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Triggs, Acting Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Taylor, Assistant Director, OMB; Dr. Gilmore, Deputy Director, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Ms. Boyd, Special Assistant to the City Manager, CMO; Ms. Collins, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Imig, Civil Engineer, T&ES; Mr. Wagner, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning (P&Z); Ms. Hamer, Director, P&Z; Mr. Catlett, Director, Code Administration; Mr. Castrilli, Director, Communications and Public Information; Mr. Keeler, Division Chief, Office of Housing; Ms. Seau, Division Chief, Office of Housing; Mr. Cochran, Division Chief, Office of Housing; Ms. Griffin, Office on Aging, DCHS; Ms. Ludington, Office on Aging; DCHS; Mr. Baxter, Division Chief, T&ES; Mr. Tran, Air Pollution Control Specialist, T&ES; Mr. Sharma, Division Chief, T&ES; Fire Chief Thiel; Mr. Penn, Emergency Management Coordinator, Fire; Police Captain Ogden; Ms. Bryan, ITS; and Mr. Lloyd.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, Deputy City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

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City Council held a work session on the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Workroom.

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1. [Calling the Roll.](#)

Mayor Euille called the meeting to order and the Deputy City Clerk called the roll. All members of Council were present.

2. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

City Council observed a moment of silence and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Reading and Acting Upon the Minutes of the Following Meeting of City Council:

(a) The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2012.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously, City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2012. The voting was as follows:

Donley	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Hughes	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

#### **RECOGNITION OF YOUTH BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

None.

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

4. Presentation of a [Proclamation](#) Declaring April 21, 2012 as Alexandria Earth Day and Arbor Day.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council endorsed the proclamation. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Donley	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Hughes	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

5. Recognition of the Graduates of the Citizens Academy.

City Council recognized the graduates of the Citizens Academy.

#### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**CONSENT CALENDAR (6-11)**  
**(Resignations and Uncontested Appointments)**

6. Receipt of the Following Resignations from Members of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee  
Elizabeth Ryan
- (b) Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission  
Lillian Brooks
- (c) Commission for Women  
Alencia Johnson
- (d) Commission on Information Technology  
Kostas Liopiros
- (e) Environmental Policy Commission  
Patrick Hagan

(A copy of the above resignations is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 6 (a-e); 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

7. Uncontested Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- (a) Archaeological Commission  
1 Member From the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage
- (b) Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee  
1 Member Designated by Councilwoman Hughes
- (c) Citizen Corps Council  
1 Citizen Member
- (d) Commission on Aging  
1 Citizen Member
- (e) Commission on Employment  
1 Representative From Such Organizations as Educational Agencies, Organized Labor, Rehabilitation Agencies, Community-Based Organizations, Economic Development Agencies and the Public Employment Service
- (f) Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors  
1 Restaurant Owner/Manager Representative

- (g) Emergency Medical Services Council
  - 1 Representative of Nursing Homes Located in the City
  - 1 Citizen Member
- (h) Environmental Policy Commission
  - 1 Member From the Alexandria Business Community
- (i) Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia
  - 1 Provider Member
  - 1 Consumer Member

(A copy of the above appointments is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked collectively as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 7 (a-i); 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **(Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager)**

- 8. Consideration of Adoption of the [Strategic Plan for Aging 2013-2017](#). (#7, 1/10/2012, #5, 2/25/2012.)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 4, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked as Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 8; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

### **(Ordinances for Introduction)**

- 9. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an [Ordinance](#) to Amend and Reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, By Adopting and Incorporating Therein the Amendments Heretofore Approved By City Council to the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Chapter of Such Master Plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2009-0002 and Master Plan Amendment No. 2011-0005 and No Other Amendments, and To Repeal All Provisions of the Said Master Plan As May Be Inconsistent With Such Amendment. (Project Name: Hoffman Blocks 11 and 12 and Block 8)

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 9; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 9; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

10. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an [Ordinance](#) to Amend and Reordain Article E (Alexandria Waterfront Committee) of Chapter 4 (Committees, Boards and Commissions) of Title 2 (General Government) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as Amended.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 4, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 10; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 10; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 3 of Item No. 10; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

11. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an [Ordinance](#) to Amend and Reordain Section 4-702 (Permitted Uses) of Section 4-700 (CR/Commercial Regional Zone) of Article IV (Commercial, Office and Industrial Zones) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in Accordance With the Text Amendment Heretofore Approved By City Council as Text Amendment No. 2012-0001.

(A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 11; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 2 of Item No. 11; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Hughes, seconded by Vice Mayor Donley and carried unanimously, City Council approved the consent calendar, with the exception of docket item #8, which was considered under a separate motion. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

6. City Council accepted the following resignations with regret: (a) Elizabeth Ryan, Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee; (b) Lillian Brooks, Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Commission; (c) Alencia Johnson, Commission for Women; (d) Kostos Liopiros, Commission on Information Technology; and (e) Patrick Hagan, Environmental Policy Commission.

7. City Council made the following appointments to boards and commissions: (a) reappointed Kathleen Pepper as the member from the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage to the Archaeological Commission; (b) appointed James McNeil as the member designated by Councilwoman Hughes to the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee; (c) appointed Tara Hicks as the citizen member to the Citizen Corps Council; (d) appointed Niall O'Connor as the citizen member to the Commission on Aging; (e) reappointed Christopher Appelgate as the representative from such organizations as educational agencies, organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies and the public employment service to the Commission on Employment; (f) appointed Kyong Yi as the restaurant owner/manager representative to the Convention and Visitors Association Board of Governors; (g) waived the residency requirement and reappointed Robert Callahan as the representative of nursing homes located in the City and reappointed Scooter Slade as the citizen member to the Emergency Medical Services Council; (h) appointed Kathryn Papp as the member from the Alexandria business community to the Environmental Policy Commission; and (i) reappointed Barbara Cohoon as the provider member and reappointed Caryn Hederman as the consumer member to the Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia.

9. City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 14, 2012.

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The vote was as follows:

Hughes	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Donley	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

8. Consideration of Adoption of the [Strategic Plan for Aging 2013-2017](#). (#7, 1/10/2012, #5, 2/25/2012.)

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Council recognized the advisory board that worked on the Strategic Plan and asked questions about the integration of existing services into the Strategic Plan, implementation and prioritization of the goals to be implemented.



Patricia Arnaudo  
Keisha Dotson  
Tamara Dunlap-Elkins  
Theron Fuller  
Gail Gordon-Donegon

(Material pertaining to the above appointment is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 13; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were distributed, tellers were appointed and the ballots were tallied with the following results: City Council reappointed Gail Gordon-Donegon as the citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board. There was no majority on the second appointment and another vote was taken. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Fuller, Gordon-Donegon
Donley	-	Arnaudo, Gordon - Donegon
Fannon	-	Arnaudo, Gordon - Donegon
Hughes	-	Dunlap - Elkins, Fuller
Krupicka	-	Dunlap - Elkins, Gordon - Donegon
Pepper	-	Fuller, Gordon - Donegon
Smedberg	-	Arnaudo, Gordon - Donegon

**WHEREUPON**, ballots were again distributed, tellers were again appointed and the ballots were again tallied with the following results: City Council appointed Patricia Arnaudo as the citizen member to the Social Services Advisory Board. The voting was as follows:

Euille	-	Fuller
Donley	-	Arnaudo
Fannon	-	Arnaudo
Hughes	-	Fuller
Krupicka	-	Arnaudo
Pepper	-	Fuller
Smedberg	-	Arnaudo

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION**

14. Consideration of the [Monthly Financial Report](#) for the [Period](#) Ending February 29, 2012.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 4, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 14; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Acting Chief Financial Officer Triggs gave Council a presentation on the economic indicators and financial forecast for the City and responded to questions about the economic health of the City.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, City Council received the monthly financial report for the period ending February 29, 2012. The voting was as follows:

Donley	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Krupicka	"aye"	Hughes	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

15. Consideration of the Report on Office of [Housing Grant Reductions and Proposed FY 2013 Budget](#).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 4, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 15; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Director of the Office of Housing Davis gave a presentation on the reductions that would be experienced by the office because of the loss of multiple funding sources and how they would affect homeownership assistance programs and responded to questions about how this would impact services from the Office of Housing and affordable housing in the City.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Smedberg, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council received the report. The voting was as follows:

Smedberg	"aye"	Donley	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Hughes	"aye"
	Krupicka	"aye"	

16. Receipt of the Progress Report on the [Environmental Action Plan 2030](#).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 4, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 16; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

Deputy Director of Transportation and Environmental Quality Skrabak gave a presentation of the progress on the Environmental Action Plan and responded to questions of about initiatives that have been implemented.

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilwoman Pepper, seconded by Councilman Krupicka and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) received the progress report and recognized the Environmental Policy Commission (EPC), community members and City staff that have participated in the implementation of the Environmental Action Plan 2030 aimed at leading Alexandria toward greater sustainability; and (2) received the staff report entitled "2011 Eco-City Progress Report and Key Environmental Indicators" and intended for informing the public at the 2012 Alexandria Earth Day on April 21. The voting was as follows:

Pepper	"aye"	Donley	"aye"
Krupicka	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Hughes	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

None

## **ORAL REPORTS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

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## **ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL**

(a) Councilman Krupicka reported the Mount Vernon Elementary School Odyssey of the Mind team came in first place in the regionals two weeks ago and the team will be going to the state finals on Saturday. Councilman Krupicka noted that he is the assistant coach for the team and will be absent from the public hearing on Saturday.

(b) Councilman Krupicka requested that the City Manager and staff review the taxi policies/fees in light of the increases in gasoline prices.

(c) Councilman Krupicka requested that Deputy City Manager Jinks give Council an update on the status of Hunting Towers.

Deputy City Manager Jinks reported on the status of the sale of the property, the zoning restrictions of the property and the next steps that Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) were considering for the property. Mr. Jinks also responded to questions from Council and outlined the City's next steps in the helping maintain the units as workforce housing.

(d) Vice Mayor Donley reported that a letter was received from the Governor today stating that the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) legislation has been signed into law and will require a 5% employee contribution and 5% salary increase, with a five year phase-in. Vice Mayor Donley requested that staff provide information to Council

about how the mandate will impact the FY 2013 budget, as well as the impact the five year phase-in will have on future budgets.

(e) Councilman Smedberg announced that the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) has advertised for a new Chief Executive Officer and noted that the executive committee will be meeting with a recruiter soon.

(f) Councilman Smedberg reported that a group with representatives from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC), and the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance (NVTA) will be meeting soon to talk about recommendations that the legislature asked for regarding a possible consolidation and coordination among the various transportation groups representing Northern Virginia.

### **ORAL REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

[Deputy Director](#) of Transportation and Environmental Services Lerner reported to Council on the proposal to extend trolley service into the Del Ray community. Mr. Lerner, along with Stephanie Brown, Executive Director of the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association, gave an overview of the proposed route and how it would be similar to the current trolley service on King Street. Mr. Lerner responded to questions about the route the trolley would take, the procurement process for the service and the outreach to the community about the implementation of the service.

Council requested that an item be docketed to finalize the trolley proposal before the procurement process begins.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

17. Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an [Ordinance](#) to Make Supplemental Appropriations For the Support of the City Government For Fiscal Year 2012.

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 4, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 17; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council passed the ordinance on first reading and scheduled it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, April 14, 2012. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Donley	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Hughes	"aye"

Smedberg "aye"

18. [Consideration of a Resolution for City Adoption of the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.](#)

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 4, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 18; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council approved the resolution, including amendments to the Alexandria Mitigation Actions and Action Plan, to correct technical wording. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Donley	"aye"
Hughes	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2496**

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, requires that local governments, develop, adopt and update natural hazard mitigation plans in order to receive certain federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44C.F.R. 201.6; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC), comprised of representatives from the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William; the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and Towns of Clifton, Dumfries, Haymarket, Herndon, Leesburg, Middleburg, Purcellville, Occoquan, Quantico, Round Hill, and Vienna, was convened in order to assess the risks of hazards facing the Northern Virginia region, and to make recommendations on actions to be taken to mitigate these hazards; and

WHEREAS, the plan incorporates the comments, ideas and concerns of the community and of the public in general, which this plan is designed to protect, ascertained through a series of outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes that recent events of the Virginia Earthquake, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee are not captured in the current FEMA approved pending adoption update of the local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Being committed to mitigation planning and activities, the City of Alexandria, as part of the

next update, will fully endeavor to identify, evaluate, and include these event and their impacts as part of the next update cycle.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alexandria City Council that the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan Update dated 12/07/2011 is hereby approved and adopted by the Alexandria City Council with the technical amendments to Chapter 7, pages 306-308 which directly affect the City of Alexandria (attached). A copy of the plan is attached to this resolution.

## OTHER

19. Consideration of City Council [Schedule](#).

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum dated April 4, 2012, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Exhibit No. 1 of Item No. 19; 04/10/12, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

**WHEREUPON**, upon motion by Vice Mayor Donley, seconded by Councilwoman Hughes and carried unanimously, City Council: (1) added a work session on the multi-departmental long range work program for FY 2012 for 5:30 p.m. on April 24, 2012; (2) added a rescheduled work session on the Housing Master Plan for 5:30 p.m. on May 8, 2012; (3) received the following additions to the City Council Calendar: the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Valor Awards Ceremony and luncheon on Thursday, April 26 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel; the Jaycees Annual Community Appreciation Night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10 in the Sister Cities Conference Room 1101; and the Best Communities Reception on Thursday, May 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Vola Lawson Lobby. The voting was as follows:

Donley	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Hughes	"aye"	Krupicka	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Pepper	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. Consideration of Convening a [Closed Meeting](#) for the Purpose of Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation and Real Estate Matters.

No closed meeting was held.

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**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED**, upon motion by Councilman Krupicka, seconded by Councilwoman Pepper and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the regular meeting of April 10, 2012 at 10:05 p.m. The voting was as follows:

Krupicka	"aye"	Donley	"aye"
Pepper	"aye"	Fannon	"aye"
Euille	"aye"	Hughes	"aye"
	Smedberg	"aye"	

APPROVED BY:

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Gloria Sitton, CMC      Deputy City Clerk